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SIGNOR MENTALLY UNSOUND

BARNOVICH HEADS DYNAMITER GANG, DECLARES SHERIFF

\$600 in Gold Found on Prisoner Suspected of Blowing Up Hartman's House.

MARTINEZ, Feb. 6.—Sheriff Veale now believes that in the capture of George Barnovich, one of the three men connected with the dynamiting of the home of Superintendent Union Hartman at Crockett, he has the leader of a band of professional dynamiters, and perhaps a person much wanted by the police of the country.

It develops that Barnovich is probably the man who actually blew up Hartman's home. Confessions from both George and Lawrence Marachek, the other men implicated in the crime, directly accuse this man of the work.

But the sheriff's theory is that his capture of the men after a severe searching in the jail in this city, was entirely because Hartman had refused to give work to the Marachek brothers and at the same time put other fellows to work.

"Meaneest Man" Says Sheriff

"I feel confident that before we get through with his case that we will convict this man Barnovich with some other crime for which he is being eagerly sought by officers of the law elsewhere.

He is a sort of a leader among the Slavonians and a man that most of them fear.

He is probably the meanest man in California. He has never worked and has never had a home in the habit.

He is not even spending a penny for his lodgings, living in the camp with five other Slavonians and waiting until one of them got up, so that he could use the

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CALHOUN TRIAL GOES OVER UNTIL MONDAY

No Juror Obtained From Talesmen Today--Was a Dull and Sluggish Session.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—A battle royal, silent and pretentious, lacking in fire and even completely devoid of sparks, but nevertheless a fight to a finish, was waged during the so-called League of Justice, Sewell was, of course, a good juror for Mr. Heney and he wanted him badly.

Every Inch Fought

For a time it looked as though he would get him. It was one of those obnoxious opinions that was in the way, and Attorney Stanley Moore, fighting every inch of the way, was able to show that the talesman had a very strong opinion and secured positive statements from him which seemed to overbalance his assertions brought out by the prosecution.

Sewell's Opinions
The cause of it all was Edward N. Sewell, examiner for the Royal Assurance Company. He did not mean to make trouble, and he

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POLICE COMMISSIONER'S PAY TRIBUTE TO HODGKINS' BRAVERY

The Board of Police and Fire Commissioners this morning unanimously adopted

'Lucky' Baldwin's Condition Grave

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—E. J. (Lucky) Baldwin, the noted turfman, is still in a very serious condition. It is stated at his residence that this morning he had rested fairly well last night and that it was hoped that he might recover. Because of his advanced age and serious heart trouble, however, there was no denying that the case is still a very grave one.

FACSIMILES OF CHECKS, INCLUDING ONE FOR HER WEDDING TROUSSEAU, WITH WHICH MRS. ALFRED WEBER DENIES HER HUSBAND'S ACCUSATIONS.



Weber Is Not an Elk; Wife Charges Perjury

CAPTAIN QUALETH GUILTY; SUSPENDED FOR SIX MONTHS

GIBRALTAR, Feb. 6.—Captain Edward F. Qualeth of the battleship Georgia, having been found guilty by court martial of being intoxicated while on duty, and of conduct prejudicial to the good of the navy, has been suspended from duty for six months, with an additional punishment of the loss of ten numbers in rank.

Rear Admiral Sperry, commander-in-chief of the Atlantic battleship fleet,

which started its homeward voyage to-day, has approved the findings of the court martial; but the Secretary of the Navy must take official action on the recommendation of the board.

Captain Qualeth has been detached from the fleet and ordered home. He will go as a passenger on the Georgia.

Lieutenant Commander George W. Kline, who was placed in command of the Georgia, will continue in command on the homeward journey.

that his husband is not, and never has been, a member of the Elk's Lodge.

That the extent of his inherited wealth

is \$7000 and that his so-called stand-

ing in the business world is based upon his reputation as an expert beer bottler.

I am now ready to prove," declares Mrs.

Alfred L. Weber, whose husband's an-

swer to her divorce suit filled very re-

cently, is one of the most sensational af-

fections in the history of the country.

That my husband is not, and never has been, a member of the Elk's Lodge, recorded in this county for many

years past.

Mrs. Weber has long been known as

one of Oakland's most beautiful girls.

She is the daughter of Mrs. S. H. Both-

son, a wealthy property owner in this

city, and previous to her marriage two

years ago was a popular member of the

young social set. Weber was former

manager of the Hamilton Grove Com-

pany. He married his wife, she asserts,

representing himself to be wealthy and

well connected. Their troubles began

on their wedding day.

Comparatively Penniless

The bride of eighteen awakened to the

fact, she says, that her husband was

comparatively penniless and refused to

work. With her eyes blinded by a tem-

pestuous two months' courtship, during

which time Weber, she claims, wined and

dined and fated her in a truly royal

manner, she appealed to her mother to

help them over what she believed to be

a temporary financial embarrassment.

Mother Advances Funds

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SAY EXPERTS HAS NO MORAL SENSE OF RIGHT OR WRONG, DECLARES DR. HAMLIN

Prisoner's Mother Weeps in Court During Taking of

SAN JOSE LADY

Expresses Her Appreciation of Fer-Don's European Experts and Bloodless Surgeons.

40 Lincoln ave., San Jose, Cal., Jan. 11, 1909.

Dear Sirs: While you were here in our city I took your treatment for gout stones. I passed them all away, and there are larger ones that you did not see. I am truly thankful to you for the good your medicine has done me. I have had it for four years as I do now. The pain in my side has left me. A great many have been here and seen me, so that they really are encouraged that you can help them too. All there is nothing more of importance to write. Yours, *Fer-Don's* *Yours truly, MRS. FISKE.*

THOUSANDS MORE ON FILE.

Thousands of testimonials of similar character from throughout the country, whereby the cataract and gall stones are removed without knife, blood or pain, has been a revelation to the people of the West. This is the only method, and has been universally successful!

HUNGRY YOUTH STEALS, IS ARRESTED AND FREED

FRUITVALE, Feb. 6.—Arthur Fleder, arrested yesterday for stealing milk from the passenger depot at Fruitvale station, admitted his guilt, but states that he is only 18 years of age, says he saw the milk cans standing on the platform and as it was raining and cold and he had no money with which to purchase food he had nothing to drink and was caught in the act.

Fleder says his home is in San Jose, and that he beat his way to Fruitvale to find work. Arrived here the boy was sent from one place to another in search of employment but without success, and finally the temptation to steal came upon him.

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FORMER ALAMEDA WOMAN PASSES AWAY

ALAMEDA, Feb. 6.—Word was received in Alameda last evening announcing the death of Mrs. M. C. Turner, a resident of this city, which occurred this past week in the East.

Mrs. Curtis was Mrs. Irene Skidmore, and had been ill for several weeks before her death, having been in the South shortly before her marriage three years ago. Since that time she had been travelling through the middle West in company with her husband on various trips, never deviating far from the railroads, a little one, bringing to an abrupt end a short career of married happiness.

CITY BLIND TO HAVE DEPARTMENT IN LIBRARY

ALAMEDA, Feb. 6.—Librarian Marcelline Cooper is in favor of an expression of opinion as to the number of books of blind that would use a department of books for the blind if such were added to the local free library. It was determined at a meeting of the library board to install such a department in the library provided sufficient use would be made of it. Interested parties are requested to communicate with the librarian.

SHORT-CIRCUITED WIRE KILLS CONCRETE LABORER

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 6.—Crushing a short circuit by falling across two wires at a sub-station of the San Francisco Gas and Electric Company on a Sacramento street, near Montgomery, John McDonald, a concrete laborer, was burned severely from his waist down by a current of more than 100 amperes at 115 volts. He clock went off at 4:30 this afternoon, causing his death at 4:45. Hours later at the Harbor Emergency Hospital, McDonald resided in San Francisco.

They One "BROMO QUININE," that is, Laxative Bromo Quinine 8 Yellow on every Cotech Cold in One Day. Cris in 2 Days.

JAPAN SILENT ON U. S. SITUATION

People Feel That Hospitality to Fleet Has Been Poorly Repaid.

TOKIO, Feb. 6.—The passage by the lower house of the Nevada Legislature of an anti-Japanese resolution was received with considerable interest in Japan. The publication of the text of the resolution aroused active resentment only in the columns of the second rate press. The leading newspapers, in commenting on the resolution, pointed out the fact that Nevada was a small state and did not necessarily represent the sentiment of the American people.

FOREIGN MINISTER KAMURA, in addressing the House of Lords today, repeated verbatim the speech he made in the Diet a few days ago. His remarks caused no discussion.

Hopeful View

The absence of extended comment on the situation in the Japanese newspapers is believed to be due to the reported action of the California Legislature in defeating the Drew anti-alien land bill and also to the resolutions of the New York Board of Trade and President Roosevelt's letters and telegrams to Governor Gillett, all of which have been fully reported in the press. The leading newspapers today comment favorably on the present aspect of the situation. The Assembly says that notwithstanding misunderstandings the relation of America and Japan remain unimpaired. The Hochi, one of the papers which has most bitterly denounced the action of the California Legislature, congratulates Japan on the maintenance of good relations with the United States, and says that it would be a matter for some regret that the Japanese, in view of the people of California should cripple the commercial and diplomatic relations of the two countries. The Hochi declares that it is evident the present disturbance is only temporary.

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Special Religious Services Will Be Held in Many of the Churches Tomorrow

Three Days' Convention of Christian Endeavor Union to Take Place Next Week.

The annual three days' convention of the County Christian Endeavor Union will be held at the First Presbyterian church, corner East Fifteenth street and Twelfth avenue, beginning Friday, February 12.

Prominent clergymen will take part in the convention, and Leon P. Rogers, president of the Christian Endeavor Union, will preside over the sessions.

The Rev. J. W. McColl of the First Christian Church of Berkeley, will speak Friday evening on "Christian Evangelism." H. J. McCoy, secretary of the Mc. A. of San Francisco, has been invited "Personal Evangelism" for his subject.

There will also be an address by Leon V. Shaw.

Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, an intermediate rally will be held by Miss Winifred E. Skinner, state superintendent of intermediate work.

Will Install Officers

A feature of the convention will be the installation of officers which will be conducted by H. H. Goodber, state president.

The officers were elected at an executive meeting of the county Christian Endeavor Union, held January 18.

They are: Ralph S. Hawley, president; Peter Bliss, first vice-president; Miss Sophie Jorgenson, second vice-president; W. R. Darrow, third vice-president; Mrs. Eugenia T. Larsen, recording secretary; Rev. George Martin, corresponding secretary; B. H. McDonald, statistical secretary; E. D. Bothwell, treasurer; Alfred S. Dingle, junior superintendent; Miss Lorrette Monroe, intermediate superintendent; Ellis E. Wood, chairman finance committee; Peter A. Clark and Robert C. Parker, members of finance committee.

The convention committee consists of Miss Winifred E. Best, chairman; Leo S. Rodgers, Nell S. Munro, Percy L. Bliss, Miss Margaret S. Smith, E. McKinley, Ellis E. Wood and W. N. Jenkins.

St. Joseph's Institute

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of St. Joseph's Institute will be celebrated in West Oakland tomorrow. The ceremony will begin with a high mass, celebrated at 10:30 o'clock by Rev. J. B. McHugh, pastor of St. Patrick's church, and the institute. Father Laliv, pastor of St. Patrick's church in San Jose, will preach the sermon.

Septuagesima Sunday

Tomorrow is Septuagesima Sunday, and the day will be celebrated in many of the churches with special services.

At the Trinity Episcopal church, Twenty-seventh and Telegraph, there will be holy communion at 7 o'clock in the morning and again following the litany at 11 o'clock.

"Child Labor" is the theme, the Rev. Clinton Macon, rector of the church, has chosen for his morning sermon, and in the evening he will talk on "The Basis of a Comfortable Assurance." The evening service will be preceded by a confirmation class.

A series of special meetings will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evening next, at the Norwegian-Danish church, Twentieth and San Pablo avenue. The Rev. P. M. Ellefson will conduct the meetings.

Hour of Music

The regular monthly musical service at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Grand avenue and Webster street, will be given tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock. The program is as follows: Processional, "Song of Gladness" (Haydn); Gloria Patri, "Magnificat" and "Nunc Dimittis" from "Elegies in a Westerly Church" (Blaauw); "Elegies from the Beatitudes" by Cesar Franck; the solo by Lowell Redfield; offertory solo, "The Ninety and Nine" (Edward Campion); Miss Grace Boles' solo, "On These Jacob Ladders" (Avery); the "Hymn of the Cross," Miss Boles; Mr. Crandall and Mr. Redfield; anthem, "My Babylon's Wave" (Gounod); responses, "Seven-Fold Amen" (Stainer); recessional, "Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart" (Maurer).

Mrs. K. B. Shaffer, P.D.A., secretary of the executive committee of the Woman's Home (now Forest Park) Hospital, First Congregational Church, and Mrs. S. F. Breckinridge, the president of the same, will address the congregation of the First English Lutheran Church, San Francisco, on the subject of "Sunday School Work" relative to the work done by the women of that denomination.

Mrs. Shaffer was formerly missionary to India and is now in the interest of missions.

Episcopal

Holy Innocents' Chapel, Shattuck avenue, near Fifty-fifth street; Rev. Mr. Saunders, vicar—Sunday school, 10 a.m. Morning prayer and sermon by the vicar at 11 a.m.

St. John's Church, Eighth and Grove streets; Rev. George W. Scott, morning and evening communion at 10 a.m.; Choral Eucharist (sermon), 10:45 a.m.; Choral evening mass (sermon), 7:30 p.m.; Choral Eucharist at 10 a.m., adding the church services daily. Evensong (sermon) every Friday, 7:45 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church, corner Twelfth and Market streets; Rev. St. John Scott—Sunday school, 10:45 a.m.; Holy Eucharist and sermon, 11 a.m.; Evensong and sermon, 7:30 p.m.; Office, 7:45 a.m.; Morning and evening communion at 11 a.m., with sermon by the rector. Vespers, with special music and sermon by the Rev. C. Sowerbutts, 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Grand avenue and Webster street—Sunday, Feb. 7, Holy communion, 8 a.m.; Sunday, Feb. 14, 8:45 a.m.; Evensong and sermon, 7:30 p.m.; Office, 7:45 a.m.; Morning and evening communion at 11 a.m., with sermon by the rector. Vespers, with special music and sermon by the Rev. C. Sowerbutts, 8 p.m.

St. Paul's Good Samaritan, 665 Alice street, Sunday school, 2 p.m.; even-son, 8 o'clock; sermon by the Rev. C. Sowerbutts.

Christian

First Christian Church, Thirteenth and Jefferson streets; Rev. Thomas A. Boyer, pastor—Morning, "Seeing the Invisible"; evening, "Is Christianity Losing Its Grip?" Sunday school, 10:45 a.m.; Communion at 11 a.m.; "Teaching at 11 a.m.; Communion at close of service." Mrs. Madayon will preach in the evening. Sunday school at 10 a.m. Young people's

meeting at 6:30 p.m. All are cordially invited.

First Christian Church, Fruitvale avenue and East Twenty-third street; Rev. Mr. McCall, pastor—Sunday school, 10:45 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p.m.

Congregational

Market Street Congregational Church, corner of Market and Eighteenth streets; Rev. Griffith Griffiths, pastor—Sunday service at 11 a.m.; "Celebration of the Lord's Supper."

Fourth Congregational Church, corner Grove and Thirty-sixth streets; Rev. Frederick H. Maier, pastor—Morning, "The Teaching"; evening, "Lincoln's Contention and Victory."

First Congregational Church, Twelfth and Clay streets; Rev. Charles R. Brown, pastor—Morning communion service, 7:30 a.m.; "The Life of Christ," evening.

Fruitvale Congregational Church, Fruitvale avenue and East Sixteenth street; Rev. Burton M. Palmer, pastor—11 a.m.; "The Coming of the Kingdom of Christ," evening.

First Free Baptist Church, 681 Twenty-first and Franklin street, pastor—Sunday school, 10:45 a.m.; "How to Obtain Rest," 7:30 p.m.; "Four Persistent Men," Sunday school, 12:15 p.m.; Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p.m.

North Oakland Baptist Church, Twenty-ninth street between San Pablo avenue and West street—Rev. Taylor M. Morris, pastor—Sunday services, preaching at 11:30 a.m.; B. Y. P. U. at 7 p.m.; prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. A cordial invitation is extended to the public.

Methodist

First Methodist Episcopal Church, corner Thirty-fourth and Franklin streets; Rev. John M. Barnhart, pastor—Services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. At the close of the morning service the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed. The pastor will preach in the evening on "The Coming of the Kingdom of Christ."

First Free Methodist Church, Twenty-ninth and Franklin, Fourth and Clay streets; George W. White, pastor; William C. Poole, assistant pastor—The pastor will preach at 11 a.m.; "Invisible Kingdom of Power," 7:30 p.m.; "A Starting Point."

Centennial M. E. Church, Ninth and Chester streets—Regular services Sunday at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. The pastor, Rev. G. M. Richmond, will speak morning

Y. W. C. A. TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Supper for Members and Addresses Will Be Features of the Occasion.

The annual meeting and supper for the members of the Y. W. C. A. will be held February 16 in the parlors of the First Congregational Church.

An elaborate program is being arranged for the occasion. The election of officers will be an important part of the business.

During the evening a curtain raiser will be rendered by the expression class of the association, under the direction of Miss Caroline M. McCullagh.

The open meeting will be addressed by Miss Abby McElroy, territorial traveling secretary of the Y. W. C. A., and the Rev. Homer J. Vosburgh.

Miss May C. Gilmour will give several vocal selections.

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The White Terror at Washington.

Speaker Stanton took the floor Friday and pleaded that the Assembly delay action on the bill to provide separate schools for Japanese children. His language was mysterious and enigmatic. It provokes curiosity. He hinted at terrible calamities likely to follow the enactment of the measure. While vague enough in their formulation, his sentiments were laden with dark and sinister forebodings. He spoke as one charged with fearful secrets too horrifying to reveal.

What was he hinting at? During the course of his remarks he let drop these pregnant sentences:

"I not only believe, but I know certain things. My lips are sealed, and if you knew what I know I am sure you would agree with me that this measure should be given at least further consideration."

"We are treading on very dangerous ground, and I can feel the soil slipping from under me. It is for these reasons that I have come down to the floor to say to you, gentlemen, consider gravely what you do."

What is causing the ground to slide from under the ample feet of the Speaker? Who has sealed his lips, and what dreadful knowledge is he withholding from the Assembly?

What danger so fills his heart with terror? Who has apprized him of the nature and extent of the calamities the Legislature is inviting?

Does his information come from the authority which ordered the fleet out of the Pacific at the very moment when its presence on the Pacific Coast was most essential to our national dignity and the security of our island possessions?

Two years ago the President flourished the Big Stick over our heads and threatened to send the regular army to put Japanese students back in the schools of San Francisco. Then he excused himself by saying that he was trying to ward off peril of which we were ignorant; that in time we would be prepared to resist aggression and assert our freedom from foreign dictation. Wait a while, we were told, and all will be well.

Then the fleet came and everybody rejoiced. After the feasting and the shouting, the fleet sailed away, and now we are implored to not offend the terrible Jap or the gobble-uns will get us right off. The White House shivers and Speaker Stanton works himself into an agony of apprehension.

Has our Big Stick President come to regard the United States as a dependency of Japan? Is the Mikado like Bosco an ogre that will eat us alive? Still it is a relief that the President begs us to take the dose instead of threatening to cram humble pie down our throats with the Big Stick. Is the Big Stick merely a stuffed club?

Rapacious Fish Trust.

A legislative investigation of the trust which has for many years past been in absolute control of the supply and sale of fish in all the markets of the State was recently suggested as the result of the disclosures of its methods. It is alleged that no fisherman can secure a market for his catch and no dealer can get a supply of fish save through the combine. The trust controls the trade as absolutely as Standard Oil ever controlled the production and refining of petroleum. It pays the fishermen for their catch two and three cents per pound for which, when marketed, the consumer must pay from twelve to twenty cents per pound. The price at both ends of the deal is fixed by the trust, which gets the lion's share of profits. The trust has a cinch on the whole business.

Has it occurred to the consumers of fish in this State that they are now paying a higher price for food fishes than they are for beef and mutton and pork? And yet the sea and the rivers give up their wealth of fish food with no other expense to the fisherman than the setting and the hauling in of his nets. A steak of salmon, for example, costs as much in the retail markets today as the choicest porterhouse steak which has been developed by the stock raiser after years of careful attention and pasturing, whereas, the fish supply has not cost the fisherman anything more than the labor of taking it out of the water and conveying it to market.

Fish has often been described as the poor man's food. Under the control of the trust it has become the rich man's luxury and the poor man is practically debarred from its enjoyment. But the Federal and State governments have been for many years engaged, at great expense, in stocking the streams artificially with food fishes in order to keep up the supply, ostensibly for the benefit of the people at large, but, as the fish trust has regulated matters, the governmental interest has been turned solely to the trust's profit and to the loss of the public.

The situation has reached a stage where legislative action is necessary to protect the public against the rapacity of the fish trust if the Cartwright act is ineffective. How it shall be done is the problem which some intelligent legislators must solve. It stands to reason that there exists a conspiracy for wholesale robbery when there exists between the man who catches food fishes as a means of livelihood and the consumer a difference in price ranging from 600 to 1000 per cent. This fact illuminates the fiction that the benevolence of the State and Federal governments in stocking the streams, lakes and bays with fish keeps up a cheap food supply.

Racial War in Austria.

Austro-Hungary is the old battle ground of the long struggle between the Teutonic or Germanic races and the Slavs for supremacy in Europe. The racial antagonism is more acute in the dual kingdom because the two races meet on Austro-Hungarian soil, the Czechs being the most westerly branch of the Slavic family of nations, and the Austrians the most southerly of the Germanic races. Collisions are, therefore, frequent on Austrian and Hungarian territory.

The latest racial outbreak came to a head yesterday in the Austrian Reichsrath. For several days past that body had been debating on a bill introduced by the government to reconcile the racial differences. The radical Czech deputies resorted to obstructive measures, employing tin whistles and drums to drown the voices of the German deputies. It finally reached a point where the latter lost their temper and made a violent attack on the Czechs. A free fight followed. To quell the riot the premier summarily closed the parliamentary session and sent the deputies to their homes. But after the retirement of the premier and other ministers the disgraceful scene was continued for a half hour.

The incident shows the intensity of the racial feeling, and the fact that the sudden closure of the session had an immediate adverse effect upon the Bourse in Vienna is evidence of the event's serious political import.

According to the San Bernardino Index Imperial valley is going in floriculture on a large scale. The raising of rose nursery stock is to be the chief feature of the business. The soil and climatic conditions are said to be ideal for the purpose. Experiments have demonstrated, it is said, that in one year rose stock is produced there equal in strength and vitality to two years' growth under ordinary circumstances. Several nurserymen are going into the business and a large acreage is to be planted. One firm is raising 40,000 rose plants to the acre and another expects to be ready on May 1 to begin the shipment to the Eastern markets of 1,000,000 rose plants. The new industry in Imperial valley may possibly come into direct rivalry with a similar one which has been long established in Alameda county and whose products go to all parts of the country.

NOTE AND EXCERPT

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Mrs. Browning. Colors seen by
the light will not look the same by
twinkles.

Emerson. There is always reason
in the man for his good or bad
and the Republic have collided.

The Nantucket disaster suggests
that this isn't the first time Florida
and the Republic have collided.

About the only humor noticeable in
Hawthorne's statements is "I have never
denied my wife anything."

Perhaps the renewal of the Japanese
war was in California at this
time due to the circumstance that
the naval appropriation bill is up.

The government has an agent collecting
"hair data" in Europe. Why
not put an agent at work collecting
hair data among the plain citizens
in America?

Already the weekly papers are devoting
many pages to pictures of the
Mesmerist characters. Probably
monthly magazines will be full of
them by March.

I have had my day," said Senator
Thomas C. Platt to a Washington corre-
spondent. It is also believed that
the senator had a few nights, but
the correspondent was too polite to
suggest that to the senator.

A woman at a New York moving
house showed occasion to call her son
name, "Mabel," and the audience
thought she was calling the name
of a poodle. This shows the
Criminal folly of giving children names
that have any pampers suggestion.

A party of sightseeing tourists stopped
in front of the old flag vendor stand
opposite Trinity Church New York and
made purchases as a souvenirs. The in-
quisitive one of the party who had
bought a flag thus asked the old man:
"Oh yes," he said, "the newly landed
people stop here on their way with a
pound and buy one of our flags. I think
it is an evidence of homelessness, but
it is usually, but also a United States
flag, too much when I show them how
well they look crossed. The young woman
took the hint and added a little
Old Glory to her purchase. This

was a terrible disaster off Nantucket.
It is, perhaps, to spare human
sight from such tragedies that the
wise and far-seeing Congress is re-
luctant to make an appropriation for
deep inland waterways.

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When Marshal Bernadotte was of-
fered the Swedish throne Napoleon
firmly opposed the idea. It was a
simple answer which quelled the em-
peror's antagonism. "What?" said
Bernadotte, "would you have me
as big as yourself and refuse a
crown?"

President Nicholas Brown for whom
Brown University was named was fond
of having small boys. One day while
walking in the streets of Providence he
met up with a little fellow who had strayed
from home. "How do you do, my boy?"

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men. There is a tract of public
lands containing 5,000 acres which is
divided into six small farms and to
one of these is sent the poor delin-
quents of the village. If he is found
idle, he is placed in a small farm
to be allowed to cultivate a small farm for
himself and his wife, is called a free
lancer. If he is up to his old ways he is
returned to honest toil again.

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In Rochester N. Y. a great many
accidents have occurred because
people have been persist in the
riding of street cars backward. If the
car is in motion, however, slow, it is
almost certain to throw the passenger
to the ground. If people would take
hold of the front rail and go with the
car there would be no danger, but it is
natural to grasp the rear rail with
the right hand and jump backward.

Last week a woman was killed in this
manner. The Rochester Democrat and
Chronicle is advocating that the removal
of the rear hand rail says, "That rear
hand rail is worse than useless. It is
a positive peril to all women in
spite of all that the newspapers, hus-
bands, fathers, brothers and sons can
say women will persist from alighting
from cars by taking hold of the right
hand rail as they step down. That
causes them to face to the rear, and the
slightest motion of the car as they
descend will throw them down backward."

Reckless Companies Big

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MRS. JAMES FOWLER PRESSLEY.

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and had no leisure class. Then we began to grow rich in places and we began to talk about "society," and we began to take it seriously, though we could not originate; we could only copy. But the changing years have brought many different measurements to America, and in none do we find a greater change than in the point of view of our smart set. Its standards are not at all those of a decade of years ago.

The tendency is now to break away from any small exclusive set, for people of culture to be broad-minded, for the successful social leader of today is one who has many friends, in many different walks of life.

To tie one's self to a "set" or to identify one's self exclusively with any "set" is a very dangerous thing, because in the changing conditions of American life "sets" can never remain the same. Among the older people men die off, and that inevitably brings a great change to the family, or a man loses his fortune, and presto, there is a social change. The fair weather friends are like last year's birds—nowhere in sight. And the there are other "friends" so glad of the social downfall of the would-be leader of former days that they give her a knock as they go by, for after all, many people are primitive—and it must be remembered that the most cruel ones in all the mad ranks of French Revolution days were the women.

It was they who were "down" on royalty!

A young girl recently spoke of another one as not being in "our set." One was very promptly sorry for the girl who made the speech. None who heard her were at all impressed with her exclusiveness; they only thought her very narrow, with low horizons. It made one think of little "Henny Penny," the historic chicken of the barnyard. She staid so long at home that when she finally started out to see the world the skies fell down upon her, and she was so frightened that

she ran back home. She had no sky line, and always having been an exclusive little chicken, she had no horizon.

History does not say what became of Henny Penny after she returned to the barnyard, but I suppose she spent the rest of her life with her "set," or what was left of them, as time went by.

All a young girl really gets out of "a set" is a setback when she needs companions. For a young girl's social set can never remain the same. Girls marry and go to other cities, and while they always remember with affection dear friends of earlier days, the changing years bring new duties, and the new environment is the one that really counts.

A few years ago life in the smart set represented a slavish imitation of the ways and manners of the aristocracy of Europe. One imitated, as well as one could, the life of the London upper classes.

America was altogether too busy pushing its way through the wilderness to establish any exclusive sets.

social dates before London thick and fast.

Mrs. Harris Ebert Capwell has sent out cards for February 8th, when she is to entertain at a large tea at the Home Club in honor of Mrs. James M. Ryan and Miss Marie Baillargeon of Seattle.

On February 8th Miss Evelyn Hussey is to entertain informally at luncheon at the Country Club. Miss Margaret Taylor is to be a bridge hostess on February 11th, entertaining in honor of Miss Marian Walsh.

On February 13th Miss Hawley is to entertain at a large luncheon, given for her brother's fiancee Miss Harriet Meek.

Mrs. Frederick Van Sicklen has sent out cards for a tea, to be given at her home in Alameda on February 13th, the guests of honor to be Mrs. Frank Parker and Miss Van Sicklen.

Mrs. William Thornton White has sent out cards for February 17th, when she is to entertain at bridge in honor of Mrs. M. W. Faughton.

Mrs. Frank Watson has also sent out cards for bridge and will entertain at her home on Van Buren avenue on the afternoon of February 17th.

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MRS. ASA WHITE'S RECEPTION.

Of course the most important social affair of the week, because of its extended invitation list, was the large reception given by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. White in honor of Mrs. M. W. Faughton and Mr. and Mrs. William Thornton White and Mrs. Thornton White.

Mrs. White was in the East during all the complimentary social affairs which were offered to popular Katherine Brown, the charming fiancee of William White, so she wisely deferred her own compliment to her son's fiancee till after the return of the young people from their wedding trip.

The reception was also made the opportunity of a compliment to Mrs. Faughton (Florence White), whose home is now in the East, and that is such a long way off that young matrons with homes of their own can cross the continent only at long intervals.

The "at home" was so elaborate in its many details that it was one of the most important social dates of the year. The A. L. Whites wished to honor their son and his young bride, and they spared nothing which could in any way add to the pleasure of the large number of guests who enjoyed their generous hospitality.

The Home Club has never shown more beautiful decorations, and truly no hall could be more beautiful than the large assembly hall of the Home Club, all in white and gold.

The decorations for the large ball

against the background of white. Great balls of ferns depended from the ceiling and the hall was lovely with a fine arrangement of beautiful wood-wardia ferns.

In the many rooms of the Home Club devoted to the entertainment of the guests, the decorations were all in carnations. The red reception room was a stunning study, with great bunches of red carnations and ferns. Prosperity carnations in much profusion adorned the library, and the entrance hall which is always so imposing, was a superb study in foliage, in the late autumn tones.

The big stage was banked with bamboo and struck a strong note of decoration, as the guests entered the ballroom.

A delightful buffet supper was served during the evening under the direction of Hallinan—it was beautifully served, with as much attention to careful detail as though only a few guests were present instead of nearly two hundred. It is a real art to serve such a large crowd, so happily and so successfully and the many guests at the ball were delightfully served in the beautifully decorated supper room of the Home Club. For here also the decorations were in much good taste, splendid carnations carrying out the general scheme of the decorations.

In the receiving line welcoming the many guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. A. L. White, Mr. and Mrs. William Thornton White and Mrs. Thornton White.

Mrs. White wore a gown of all-over lace, most effectively made and she was very stunning ornaments of diamonds.

Mrs. William Thornton White wore her wedding gown of white satin, made in the decolletage style, which is so immensely becoming to stunning people. It is one of the most beautiful gowns of the year, and one of the most gorgeous, and most elaborate gowns at the reception, where so many brides of late years wore the wedding gowns.

Mrs. White's beautiful wedding gown is made with a long train, and the corsage is most beautifully trimmed with an exquisite arrangement of rose point lace.

The bride's ornaments were diamonds and pearls, the costume set off with a crown of diamonds and pearls, which had been Mr. White's wedding gift to the bride.

Mrs. Faughton, like her mother, carries herself beautifully, and she is tall and stately, and an exceedingly handsome young matron. Indeed Mrs. White and the two young matrons made a very stunning study as they received the many guests of the evening.

Mrs. Faughton wore her wedding gown of heavy white and her ornaments were handsome diamonds.

Many prominent people were among the guests and the costumes were the most becoming and in many cases most elaborate.

Among the young matrons who wore their wedding gowns were Mrs. Paul Dimmick and Mrs. George Jensen (Anita Oliver).

Mrs. Frank L. Brown was a very beautiful study in one of the most pictureque gowns of the year, a very handsome gown, and most elaborate.

It is an imported gown of superb satin in iridescent tones of blue and a very beautifully hand embroidered.

Mrs. Brown's gown was one of the handsomest if not the most elaborate of the evening, and the gown was set off with diamond ornaments.

Among the brides-elect of the evening were Miss Marian Walsh, Miss Ruth Houghton, Miss Lily Reed and Miss Harriet Meek.

Miss Marian Walsh, the dear bride-elect for whom so much is being done, wore a lovely gown of rainbow crepe, the tones of pink and blue being beautifully blended.

Miss Ruth Houghton wore a gown of blue messaline trimmed in lace.

Miss Lily Reed was gowned in old rose inside in the graceful decolletage style.

Mrs. Harriet Meek wore a decolletage gown in pale pink, beautifully trimmed in lace.

Among the many guests of the evening were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Walsh, Mrs. T. L. Barker, Mrs. A. A. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John Valentine, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Starr, Mrs. Ethel Moore, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Coogan, the Misses Coogan, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Goodwin, Miss Mary Downey, Miss Molie Mathes, the Misses Havemeyer, Mr. and Mrs. George Hemmin, Mr. and Mrs. James Keena, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Orrick, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Burwell, Mrs. Valentine, Mrs. Percy, the Misses Percy, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bray, Miss Allright, Mr. and Mrs. Bain, Mrs. Selby, the Misses Selby, Mrs. Taft, Miss Chrissie Taft, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Stolp, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, Mr. and Mrs. John F. Conners, Mrs. L. D. Chase, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Bell, Mrs. Everts, Miss Florinda Brown, the Misses Havemeyer, Mrs. C. C. Clary, Miss Clary, Miss Everson, the Misses Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hall, Mrs. Harry Meek, Miss Sanborn, Captain and Mrs. Minor Goodall.

The reception was in every way a delightful affair, for Mr. and Mrs. White were most happy in entertaining their friends, and the latter spent at their reception at the Home Club one of the very delightful evenings of the winter.

Mrs. George Greenwood wore an exceedingly effective gown made with decolletage effect, in an unusual tone of green, and beautifully hand embroidered.

Mrs. Leon Boquerez is one of the attractive young matrons with a classic type of beauty. Mrs. Boquerez was in pale lavender, a beautiful color effect and was evidently a Paris creation.

Mrs. Dan Belden wore her wedding gown of heavy white satin, the corsage elaborately trimmed in lace.

Mrs. Ruth Kales was very attractive in a gown of pale blue messaline, the corsage trimmed in lace.

Miss Rose Kales wore a handsome dirge gown of pale yellow satin, with yellow ornaments in her hair.

Mrs. Bessie Reed was beautifully gowned in pompadour silk, in tones of blue and white, with ornaments in blue in her hair.

Mrs. William Hubbard, who was Miss Peck of Milwaukee, was among the guests of the evening. She is a most attractive young matron, whom her friends would gladly welcome much more often at social gatherings.

Mrs. Charles Bates was gowned in pale blue messaline, the corsage showing a fine arrangement of lace.

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MRS. BUTTER 181
AT LOS ANGELES.

Mrs. Henry A. Butters, Miss Mary Butters and Harry Butters have been

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spending a week at the Hotel Alexandra in Los Angeles. They are now at San Ysidro Rancho in Santa Barbara. Mrs. George Cook, Mrs. Butters' daughter, is spending the winter with Miss Madge Fairman at her residence on Green's reef until the Piedmont home is reopened in the spring.

MISS DEMING RETURNS FROM EAST.

Miss Adele Deming has returned to San Francisco after some years' residence in New York. She is with her mother at the Grand Hotel.

LARGEST BRIDGE OF THE SEASON.

One of the largest bridge gatherings of the winter days was that at which Miss Ruth Houghton was the hostess last week, when she entertained more than seventy friends in honor of the

trousseau gown, of yellow liberty satin, and she carried spring daffodils.

Among the guests were the Misses Beulah and Gladys Brigham, who spent a few days in town as the guests of the Misses English.

Benah Brigham's engagement was recently announced, and the bridge party gave many of her young girl friends here the opportunity of offering her affectionate good wishes.

The bridge prizes were appreciative and very artistic, and among those who won prizes were Mrs. Dan Belden and Mrs. Charles Bates.

The costumes of the afternoon were very elaborate and for the most part effective, and among the handsome gowns of the afternoon were those of Miss Carolyn Palmanteer, Miss Ruth Kales, Miss Rose Kales, Miss Anita Thompson, Mrs. Dan Belden, Mrs. Roland Oliver, Miss Mollie Mathis, Mrs.



MISS RUTH SMITH

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popular bride, Mrs. William Thornton White.

The Houghtons recently moved into their attractive new home on Van Buren avenue, and it is so very artistic that it makes the loveliest possible environment for a social gathering.

It seems as if one's description of anything social for the past few weeks must inevitably begin with "It was the stormiest day of the winter," and last Saturday was certainly not any exception to the rule. It stormed incessantly all the morning, but that did not discourage the fair bridge players, and very few regrets found their way to the popular hostess of the day.

All her friends are really fond of Ruth Houghton, for she is always the same—alway sweet to her friends and cordial and well bred in her manners.

And let us whisper it softly and speak low, that is not always true of the society girl of today. And the latter can certainly be the very meanest creature that ever lived when she wants to be. And the pity of it is that she so often wants to be, and one could a taste of woe unfold if time and space permitted.

But what is the use? After all, she gets her punishment, for no one likes her, people shun her and she hasn't any friends.

Miss Houghton made a very charming picture, receiving her guests with her mother, Mrs. Houghton, and with the guest of honor, Miss William Thornton White.

Miss Houghton wore an exceedingly attractive gown of blue broadcloth, with orchids.

Mrs. Charles Houghton was gowned in violet liberty satin, beautifully trimmed in lace.

Mrs. William Thornton White was a very beautiful and very elaborate

Hatty Chickering, Miss Sims, Miss May Coogan, Miss Carlisle Lohse, Mrs. Feltout, Miss Beulah Brigham, Miss Gladys Brigham, Miss Frank L. Brown, Mrs. Harry Gordon, Mrs. Traynor Bell, Miss Marian Walsh, Miss Jessie Craig, Miss Mary Downey, Miss Madeline Clay, Miss Florence Henshaw, the Misses Havermeyer, Miss Seville Hayden, Miss Harriet Meek, Miss Gladys Meek, Miss Elinor Parker, Mrs. John Valentine, Miss Bessie Reed, Miss Little Reed, Miss Mary Coogan, Miss Margery Coogan, Mrs. Robert Knight.

The Houghton home was very artistically decorated in spring violets and early jonquils, and made an unusually attractive setting for a charming gathering of bright young girls.

PICTURES IN THE MEDDLER TODAY.

The pictures presented today are of Miss Julian Eccleston, who will be the maid of honor at the wedding of her sister, Miss Nellie Eccleston, and Stet Winchester, to be on Thursday, February 11.

Miss Amy Ochs will be the maid of honor at the wedding of her sister, Miss Bertha, and James H. Davis, which will be solemnized in the First Presbyterian church Monday evening, February 15.

Miss Ruth Smith, who will assist at the entertainment to be given in the auditorium for the benefit of the building fund of St. Andrew's church.

Mrs. James Fowler Presley, whose marriage to Dr. Presley was a society event of wide importance. Mrs. Presley is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Nightingale, and will eventually inherit some of the Nightingale millions, being a favorite granddaughter with the Nightingales.

On their return the young people will take up their residence in San Francisco, in an attractive home on

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Page. Her mother was a great beauty in her time. Dr. Presley is head of one of the big hospitals.

INTERESTING WEDDING.

One of the very interesting weddings of the week was that of Mr. Don McCord and Miss Gladys Coffin, which took place at the bride's home on Moss avenue on Wednesday evening.

The groom, Don McCord, came to Oakland a few years ago, starting in the automobile business, and making a success of his work on this coast. He comes of a well-known Eastern family and bids fair to achieve a successful future.

Miss Gladys Coffin is a very pretty and very charming girl, one of the youngest members of the Friday Night Club. She comes of a family which has for many years been identified with the social history of Oakland.

While the wedding of Miss Coffin and Don McCord was a home wedding, its details were very elaborate and the wedding was, in many ways, attractive and interesting. The home of the bride on Moss avenue carried beautiful decorations in violets, jonquils and ferns.

Miss Coffin made a charming bride in a lovely wedding gown of white satin elaborately trimmed in violets. The long veil of violets was fastened with orange blossoms and she carried a bride's bouquet of violets of the valley.

After the ceremony an elaborate wedding supper was served, after which Mr. and Mrs. McCord took their departure, having planned a unique wedding journey which will take them to Yosemite Valley.

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MISS AMY OCHS.

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Jackson street, which has been prepared for them.

Owing to the recent sad bereavement in the Coffin family, in the passing of Mrs. Aldrich Burton, only relatives were invited to this beautiful home wedding, and among the relatives bidding to the bride's home on this occasion were Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Coffin, Miss Coffin, Mrs. E. J. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Brock, Miss Prentiss Selby, Miss Phoebe Selby, Miss Edith Selby and Mr. and Mrs. George W. De Golia, Jr.

MRS. COWING'S LUNCHEON.

On Saturday, Mrs. Cowing of Alameda is planning to give a very delightful luncheon in honor of Miss Sundell, whose marriage takes place next week. Miss Sundell was one of the bridesmaids at the marriage of Dr. Joseph Cowing and Miss Edna Chapman, and since the announcement of her engagement she has been extensively entertained. Mrs. Cowing is one of the most hospitable and one of the most genial of the well-known Alameda hostesses. She entertains always on a most elaborate scale and she is especially kind to her young girl friends.

The lunch on for Miss Sundell promises to be a very delightful affair, and eight guests are to be entertained at the elaborate luncheon.

When the bride returns from her wedding trip she is to be the guest of honor at a large reception given by Mrs. Villeneuve, who is Mrs. Cowing's daughter.

MRS. CAPWELL TO GIVE A TEA.

Mr. H. C. Capwell has sent out cards for a large tea and she will entertain a large number of friends next Monday afternoon in honor of Mrs. James M. Ryan and Miss Marie Ballingren of Seattle.

From the midst of a shower of bridge parties one holds with joy an invitation to a tea-to-first have nothing expected of one but to have a good time with one's friends and to have a series of friendly chats over a social cup of tea.

Bridge is so strenuous that if you will take up their residence in San Francisco, in an attractive home on

us new and interesting homes. Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Clay are building an attractive home in the Point Loma district and Mr. and Mrs. Miller took possession of their new home there.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredericks are much interested in the homes they are building at which will be finished in the summer.

The Ballans are the most enterprising and their friends are looking forward to many happy good times in their most hospitable home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur are planning to take possession of their new home on Adams Point.

Mrs. Markwell was Miss Marie Crossborough, and since their marriage to young people have been living in the Crossborough home in Vernon Heights.

ALLEN-WHITNEY WEDDING.

The wedding of Charles Allen of New York and Miss Edith Whitney of Washington, formerly of Oakland, is to take place in April at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Kevin Cunningham, nearly Stephen J. Whitney.

Mrs. Ryan and Miss Ballingren are going to Santa Cruz for a few days, and are planning to go to Southern California for some weeks, returning for a visit to Oakland before returning to their home in the north.

The tea promises to be one of the largest of the season, and one of the most delightful of all the February dates.

GUESTS OF MRS. HEARST.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Lanchfield are the guests this week of Mrs. Hearst, who is entertaining them at the Hacienda, her beautiful country home near Pleasanton.

The Lanchfields are planning to leave in the near future for an extended trip to Mexico.

INTERESTED IN NEW HOMES.

The foothills still continue to show

and his sister, Miss Sophie Van Sicklen, both of whom are spending the winter in California.

Mrs. Parker and Miss Van Sicklen have a beautiful home in Burlington, Vermont, not far from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wells, formerly

Jean Hush.

The hours of the tea are from 3 to 5, and it is fair to call together representatives from many prominent homes around the bay.

MANY OAKLAND GIRLS INVITED.

Many Oakland girls were included in the list of guests for the tea given by Miss Helen Sullivan on Wednesday at her home on Pacific avenue. Her guest of honor was her intimate friend, Miss Gertrude Russell, whose engagement to Paymaster Douglas of the navy was announced last week. Among the girls in the receiving party were Miss Gertrude Russell, Miss Evelyn Hussey and Miss Norma Castle.

The Sullivans have a beautiful home on Pacific avenue, and it was most attractively decorated for the tea, the decorations showing charming spring effects in violets and daffodils.

Paymaster Douglas' ship arrived from the East on that day, and he was a guest at the dinner the hostess gave to her receiving party after the tea.

Paymaster Douglas has been assigned to duty at Mare Island, where he and his popular fiancee have many friends.

The wedding of Miss Russell and Paymaster Douglas will be an event of the early summer, and a date of much interest to their many friends.

LENT BRINGS THE "SEWING BEE."

The coming of Lent always brings the season of the "Sewing Bee" in Oakland, and indeed everywhere "the Lenten Sewing Bee" has become an established institution. Leading young girls in the East sew for the poor, and they make beautiful fancy work which

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is sold, and the proceeds given to the poor.

The Lenten season brings also more time to study, and it might be remarked in passing that many young people who are in the heart of things social find time for many other things well worth while.

Miss Ethel Moore is on the playground committee, and is, as usual, bringing much intelligent study to her work. She is a graduate of Vassar and a well trained mind has made her most helpful in pushing forward experiments along new philanthropic lines.

Mrs. Wallace Alexander is much interested in settlement work, the S. T. Alexanders having built the "Settlement" at Third and Linden streets, which has for so many years now been the center of much good work. The Mary R. Smith cottages call out the energetic co-operation of many young people. Among them, Mrs. F. W. Smith, Mrs. Roland Oliver, Miss Grace Sperry, Mrs. Bernard Miller, Miss Marian Walsh.

A most interesting French class, under Madame Hooper, meets twice a week at the residence of Mrs. Edward H. Benjamin. The girls all speak French and they are studying along advanced lines. In the class are Miss Anna Thomson, Miss Edith Benjamin, Miss Helen Bon and Miss Ryle.

Miss Florence Farde and Miss Edie Everson are often to be seen in the heart of things' social, yet both are doing exceedingly good work at the University of California. Miss Everson is a graduate of the university and she spent a year abroad, and since her return she has been deeply interested in her post graduate work at college.

Miss Chrissie Taft and Miss Edith Selby returned last week, having spent a very delightful winter in New York. Edith Selby is an exceedingly good student, a graduate of the university, and she has had the additional advantage of a long trip abroad.

Miss Chrissie Taft is a good musician, who works hard, and the winter in New York with its round of operas, was a real joy to her.

Miss Mary Cougar has a beautiful soprano voice, very sweet and clear, and of exceedingly good training, and she is most generous always in singing to her friends. Of all the young girls, one of the most gifted, one of the most artistic, is Helen Dorin. She plays superbly, easily reproducing anything she hears, and her handwork in copper is of rare beauty. Miss Norma Castle is another girl who has learned to work in copper with good results. Miss Percy is a fine artist, so is Mary Herrick Ross, and Mrs. Mark Requa has much artistic talent.

Mrs. Frank Havens is a most diligent student, so are Mrs. W. E. Sharon and all her daughters.

Mrs. Everson and Mrs. Barton are fine French students, and Mrs. Remond Chabot is the best read woman on historical lines in Oakland.

Miss Margaret Taylor is a graduate of the university, and she is studying along kindergarten lines, so is Luette Mauvais, but one might go with a long list of young people who are wise enough in their day and generation to make the most of the good gifts & kind fate has sent their way.

GAY AND BUSY WEEKS.

The busiest and gayest weeks of the season are upon us and every one is hurrying to have as good a time as possible before Lent throws its violet pall upon things social. Two of the most beautiful dinners of the year were given this week and some of the best gowns of the season have come out and society rushes madly from one place to another enjoying every moment to the full.

TWO NOTABLE DINNERS.

Tuesday night was chosen for two of the most notable dinners of the year. At the first Henry T. Scott entertained in honor of Mrs. Whitelaw Reid and D. O. Mills, choosing the ballroom of the St. Francis as the beautiful setting for his dinner. The huge round table stood in the center of the beautiful room and the decorations were charming. In the center of the table was a miniature lake in which floated water lilies, and about this lake in real turf grew all the spring flowers, juncos and hyacinths and iris and

BRIDGE PARTIES GALORE.

Mrs. Harry Foster Dutton entertained four more tables of bridge on Thursday of this week. She has been entertaining four tables a week for some time.

Cards are out for numberless parties, among them a bridge luncheon which Mrs. Harry Mendell will give on February 11th, a large bridge party which Mrs. Henry L. Dodge will give on Friday, the 12th, and one which will be hosted by Mrs. Charles K. Harley on Thursday, the 18th.

Mrs. Bornemann will entertain at bridge on Monday of next week and Mrs. Frank Watson on Wednesday, the 17th.

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Easter lilies. Mrs. Reid was most exquisitely gowned in light blue chiffon of softest texture embossed in velvet of the same shade, and she wore some of her famous jewels. Mrs. Walter Martin, Mrs. Scott's daughter, did the honors at the opposite side of the table and wore a handsome sheath gown of cloth of gold. The guests were almost entirely from the Burlingame set and the gowns worn were notable as were the jewels.

On the same evening Mrs. H. M. A. Miller gave a beautiful dinner in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Percy Morgan. Mrs. Miller's home was beautifully decorated and in the dining room the large round table bore a gigantic silver vase which was filled with Easter lilies, which spread out and formed a canopy over the heads of the guests. Mrs. Miller's guests were Mr. and Mrs. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. George Whitelaw, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Hope Beaver, Mr. and Mrs. William H. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Worden, Mr. and Mrs. C. O. G. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Marye, Mr. and Mrs. Summer Buckley, Mrs. Edgar Preston and Mr. Quay.

A number of very handsome gowns were worn, among them a beautiful gray chiffon sheath gown over white satin, which was worn by the hostess, the white and silver empire gown worn by the guest of honor, together with a dog collar of pearls and long pearl earings. Mrs. C. O. G. Miller wore a gray satin sheath gown and Mrs. Clinton Worden wore peacock blue satin with some of her handsome diamonds. Mrs. Deering wore a white satin sheath gown with gold net bodice and panels heavily embroidered in gold, and Mrs. Marye wore black with a fichu of seed pearls and rhinestones.

LUNCHEONS AND BRIDGE.

Mrs. Laura McKinstry gave a bridge luncheon on Wednesday. The short menu was followed by several hours of the fascinating game.

Mrs. Joseph Chanslor gave a large bridge party of ten tables on Wednesday. Mrs. Chanslor is occupying the beautiful Winslow home this winter and the house was charmingly decorated, the drawing room being done in American Beauty roses, while the dining room with its round table covered with a fillet lace cloth had a magnificent silver centerpiece from which rose masses of juncos and hyacinths in lovely pastel tones. The prizes were exquisite pieces of French brio-a-brac selected with Mrs. Chanslor's infallible taste and keen was the struggle for these charming souvenirs. Among the ornaments were pieces of Sevres, French electrical lamps, mirrors, jewel boxes and framed pictures.

The gowns worn were the hand somes of the year at any afternoon function, almost all of them being of pale satin or chiffon in the season's dainty colorings, set off by rich embroidery. Mrs. Chanslor's gown was a beautiful one of pale corn colored satin, richly embroidered in a wide band at the bottom of the clinging skirt. It was made with a deep sash of chiffon and a transparent yoke and sleeves of the same shade and material.

"Pelleas and Melisande," given at the St. Francis on Wednesday night, proved a good deal of a disappointment and was considerable of a bore, albeit it was a society affair with a notable list of patrons. Mrs. Eleanor Martin gave a dinner before the recital and afterward the and her guests occupied a box.

MR. HOTALING'S FIRST NIGHT.

Mr. Richard Hotelling's opening at Yo Liberty Theater as Michelieu was a notable society event. Some beautiful costumes were worn in the audience and all the boxes were filled.

Among Mr. Hotaling's San Francisco friends who were present were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dickman, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Connisk, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Button, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Maginnity and Dr. and Mrs. Russell H. Cool.

Miss Jennie Blair, Mrs. Mortimer Smith and Dudley Sait occupied a box.

HAVE TAKEN A HOUSE IN ROSS.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. A. Miller have taken the Bothin house in Ross and will move over next month. They rented their town house for a year and a half to Mr. and Mrs. James C. Coleman. Mr. and Mrs. Miller contemplate spending next winter in Europe or New York. Meanwhile Mrs. Coleman will take a prominent place in the ranks of the season's hostesses.

She has already entertained a good deal at the St. Francis, where she has been staying.

THE MEDDLER.

Mrs. Harry Foster Dutton entertained four more tables of bridge on Thursday of this week. She has been entertaining four tables a week for some time.

Cards are out for numberless parties, among them a bridge luncheon which Mrs. Harry Mendell will give on February 11th, a large bridge party which Mrs. Henry L. Dodge will give on Friday, the 12th, and one which will be hosted by Mrs. Charles K. Harley on Thursday, the 18th.

Mrs. Bornemann will entertain at bridge on Monday of next week and Mrs. Frank Watson on Wednesday, the 17th.

THEATERS AND THE KIRMES.

San Francisco is quite excited over the Kirmess which will be given next

EASTERN GUEST MOTIF FOR PRETTY AFFAIR

ANTY DRUDGE

Illustration—Mrs. Leon M. Hall, Mrs. Edith Hughes, Mrs. J. D. Jones, Mrs. J. E. Allen, Mrs. H. P. Cook, Mrs. R. B. Ayer, Mrs. N. D. Chamberlain, Little Workers—Mrs. Grace Trevor, Mrs. W. H. J. Matthews, Mrs. A. S. Starnes, Mrs. H. L. Johnson, Mrs. J. J. Langdon, Painting—Mrs. J. J. Allen, Mrs. L. M. Hall, Mrs. A. E. Kroene, Sunshine, Porch and Banks—Miss Denison, Mrs. Dietz, Mrs. Bechtel.

Ticket—Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. Chamberlain, Mrs. Fred Reddick and Miss Denison.

Press—Mrs. R. D. Holmes and Mrs. Lillian Langworthy.

OLD TIME INVITATION.

The following old time invitation which was found in a worn out trunk was sent to THE TRIBUNE today:

SECOND ASSEMBLY

At the OAKLAND CLUB.

MR. . . .

The pleasure of your company is requested at the second assembly of the Oakland Club at College Hall on the evening of July 20, 1866.

Committee on Invitation

J. W. Dwinell, J. W. Van Wyke

P. K. Shattuck, C. L. Franklin

A. C. Clegg, A. L. Peacock

W. W. Clegg, J. W. Martin

WILL GIVE THEATER PARTY

A fine theater party will be held at Newberry Library, Friday evening, February 19, under the auspices of the Alameda County Councils of the Young Men's Institute. The play on the evening will be "The First Violin," presented by Idahor Hoblitzel.

The various members of the order are devoting all possible time and attention towards making this affair a great success.

J. Toumey, of American Council No. 8, is chairman of the general committee and A. C. Cullen, of Oakland Council No. 5, is secretary-treasurer. The following members represent the various Councils in the matter:

Oakland Council No. 6, F. A. Cullen, J. B. Dowling and A. D. Gervais; American Council No. 8, J. Toumey, D. L. Crowley, J. J. Sheehan, and W. J. H. Henniessey; California Council, W. W. Goggin; Chinese No. 614, J. J. Freitas, A. A. Souza and A. G. Manahan.

PROGRAM FOR OAKLAND CLUB.

Miss Elizabeth Simpson has arranged the program which will be presented before the Oakland Club on Wednesday, February 19. Miss Marion Hovey will contribute the vocal numbers instead of Mrs. Ward, as previously announced. The program will be as follows:

1. "The Wedding Day".....Greig

2. "Romantic Pictures".....Schneider

3. "The New Kind".....Tours

4. "Nocturne in F".....Schumann

5. (a) "Novlette in F".....Schumann

5. (b) "A Cradle Song".....Blank

6. "Cimarron".....De Ambrosio

7. "Impromptu".....Schubert

8. "Music Pictures".....Schneider

9. "The New Kind".....Tours

10. "Nocturne in F".....Schumann

11. "Novlette in F".....Schumann

12. "A Cradle Song".....Blank

13. "Cimarron".....De Ambrosio

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TODAY'S LIST SHOWS LARGE GAIN

Candidates Out Interesting Friends--Votes Pour In--Changes in Standings

The contest goes merrily on, and every contestants enrolled on THE TRIBUNE'S list, is conferring with friends bound to see his name on the roll of honor Tuesday. As the time grows shorter, enthusiasm mounts higher, and nominations are constantly being received with promises to see that they have 500 votes by Tuesday.

Still Time

There is still plenty of time to nominate a friend and put him in the winning class, merely by speaking to a few other friends in his behalf. A single year's subscription will put him well within the safety line. Do it now!

Still In Contest

All nominations received after Tuesday will be carried on the rolls silently until such time as they have 500 votes, when they will be published in the paper. Nomination blanks will be furnished at the office for future use.

Standings Changed

The list of standings of candidates is awaited with much greater interest, if possible, after days like yesterday, when the overflow of advertising in THE TRIBUNE keeps it out. Perhaps your favorite candidate has dropped behind a little. He needs your help!

Today's vote is the biggest on record and shows a most gratifying interest on the part of friends of the candidates. Keep it up!

Fasten Ballots Together

There are thousands upon thousands of paper votes coming into the office every day. On behalf of the people who must sort and handle these thousands of paper, we would again urge candidates and their friends to fasten their votes together. Tie them or pin them, or put them in an envelope if there are only two!

Today's Pictures

Mrs. A. Holst no longer the West Oakland division of candidates for most popular woman. Mrs. Holst is to be congratulated on being in the lead in a district which contains some of the most energetic and prominent women in Oakland.

Charles Anderson leads in the race between the railway men. Mr. Anderson evidently has the enthusiastic support of his friends.

Classified Ads Help

An unusually liberal feature of this contest is the fact that votes are being issued with classified advertising. Five cents' worth up to \$1 and from then on an increasing scale as follows:

100 votes for \$1.00
100 votes for \$1.50
225 votes for \$2.00
500 votes for \$2.50
400 votes for \$3.00

All fractional parts over \$1 between the amounts designated are figured at the rate of 5 votes for each 5 cents.

THE TRIBUNE has also issued little books containing \$3.00 worth of classified advertising coupons which are for sale at the office for \$2.50. Each book entitles the purchaser to 500 votes in the contest besides giving him \$2.50 worth of advertising for \$2.50.

A receipt book with which to secure subscriptions will be given each candidate upon application to THE TRIBUNE. Votes will be allowed for subscriptions secured anywhere in the United States or Mexico.

GRAND PRIZES.
Automobile Touring Car, value \$1,000
Nomination Prize, to winner of \$50
Grand Prize, watch, value \$50

MOST POPULAR UNION MAN.
Nomination Prize, \$20.

Grand Prize, Automobile Touring Car, value \$1,000

First Prize, Building Lot, Melrose, \$500
Heights, near Foothill Boulevard, \$500
One block from Melrose site, 3 blocks from San Bruno car line.

Second Prize, Furniture Order (as selected) \$150

MOST POPULAR AND SUCCESSFUL MAN.
In Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, Outside the Cities of Oakland, Berkeley, Fremont, and Piedmont
Nomination Prize, \$25.

Grand Prize, Automobile Touring Car, value \$1,000

First Prize, Trip to New York and Portland, returning via Yellowstone Park and Portland. \$400

Second Prize, Trip to City of Mexico and return \$100

MOST POPULAR YOUNG LADY.
Three Nomination Prizes, \$5 each (one to each district), \$15.

Grand Prize, Automobile Touring Car, value \$1,000

First Prize, Linden Cabinet Grand Piano, value \$1,000

Second Prize, Trip to Portland and return (all fare) \$700

DISTRICT NO. 1--OAKLAND.
Miss Anna V. Peterson \$2,519
Miss Alice Tasney \$2,514
Miss Alice Tasney \$16,607
Miss Mabel E. Smith \$16,529
Miss Isabelle Fletcher \$16,527
Miss Anna V. Peterson \$16,502
Miss Lillian Linbach \$6,474
Miss Alice Newkirk \$5,487
Miss Eva M. Stanford \$4,842
Miss May Taylor \$2,900
Miss Grace McAlvay \$1,887
Miss Anna Phipps \$1,447
Miss Elvina Gear \$1,357
Miss Anna Peterson \$1,261
Miss Besse Orr \$1,261
Miss Gladys Edmondson \$739
Miss Fannie Fetterhoff \$705
Miss Anna Peterson \$248
Miss Margaret Leachard \$281
Miss Joie Perry \$276
Miss Anna Flanagan \$263

Tribune
SEND IN FLAT PACKAGES--DO NOT ROLL.

SPECIAL COUPON

GRAND POPULARITY VOTING CONTEST

20 \$10,000 IN PRIZES

GOOD FOR TWENTY VOTES.

CUT THIS OUT.

Name

Address

Most Popular

NOT GOOD AFTER FEBRUARY 13.

NOMINATION COUPON

Good For 100 Votes

I nominate

Address

As the most popular

Signed

Address

The first nomination coupon received for each candidate will count as 100 votes. The nomination committee reserves the right to reject any or all nominations.

Hale's Honey of Horehound and Tea

Reduces inflammation

Removes soreness

Tones the vocal chords

Clears the voice

Helps

Speakers and Singers

All Druggists sell it

Fife's Toothache Drops

Cure in one minute

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In Motion Pictures at the Lyric

Theater, 1044 Broadway.

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GOSSIP FROM THE SAN FRANCISCO WEEKLIES

GOWN A LA MERMAID.

Mrs. Charles Raoul Duval (nee Tobin), who is at present paying her annual visit to California, and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles Clark, at San Mateo, has brought with her some of the latest creations of the Parisian modistes that have proved startling, to say the very least. The lady, who, with a group of theater friends, made up a theater party last week, arrived fashionably late, remaining for an act or so, wore a costume that cannot be described better than a "mermaid" gown. It was black and made of solid jet spangles—big, flat ones—sewed smart and close on a soft satin, the weight of the jet on the delicate fabric causing the gown to cling to Mrs. Duval's slender figure in a way which was decidedly mermaid-esque. The corsage was decollete, but cut square, and so high in front that it was scarcely more than a "Dutch" neck, but in the back—ah! there was the difference, for the deep "V" was slashed to the lady's waist and the gleam of white shoulders between the sides of the raven-black gown was most startling. A huge black beaver hat completed the costume.—The Wasp.

THE REBUFF AND THE RESULT.

According to a local railroad official, when Mr. E. H. Harriman worked himself into the directory of the New York Central system, he gratified the dearest wish of his heart. Mr. Harriman, so the story goes, never forgot a rebuff which the Vanderbilts administered to him in the early years of his control of the Union Pacific. When he and his associates took over the Union Pacific from the Government, in 1898, he was considered to be only an insignificant member of the syndicate. The others were such men as the Vanderbilts, the Goulds, the Ames of Boston, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and other fairly well-known bankers and financiers. It was Mr. Harriman's design to sell the Union Pacific to the Vanderbilts, who then, as now, controlled the Chicago and Northwestern. The great idea was to perfect the best transcontinental line, and up to the present there has never been suggested a transcontinental line stronger in both resources and directorship than the line Mr. Harriman projected at that time. The Vanderbilts then, as now, were not ambitious for the extension of their system and rejected Mr. Harriman's offer. What some of Mr. Harriman's friends described as the most critical period in his career followed. He had thought and had even convinced himself that the Vanderbilts could not refuse the proposition which he laid before them. When they did so, he was thrown back upon his own resources to carry out the plans he had formulated for the Union Pacific and to secure the financing that was requisite for the completion of these plans. Now he is a member of the Central board as he representative of \$14,000,000 of stock owned by the Union Pacific and much more in the hands of himself and his associates. He will be able to dictate to the Vanderbilts.—Town Talk.

A SIGN OF THE TIMES.

One of the very few signs left standing in Messina after the great earthquake, was one bearing the legend, "Never American Bar." Now, if this had been a Biblical quotation or a saint's image, or some other religious symbol, there would doubtless have been a loud proclamation of Divine interference. Being a saloon, there was no miracle about it. In this connection it is to be noted that in San Francisco it is to be noted that 999 churches were, perhaps, the greatest sufferers, while two of the most "miraculous" escapees were of saloons, one at Washington and Montgomery streets, the other on lower Mission street. The average "manifestation of Divine wrath" does not seem to be very discriminating.—News Letter.

WHEN THE HANBURYS KISSED.

In a manner almost kaleidoscopic is the story of the loves and unances of David T. Hanbury and his wife being unfolded. The latest item to be thrown on the screen for public gaze is that Island No. 2, which Hanbury deeded to his wife, is now claimed by his brother, John McKenzie Hanbury. In all this publicity there is, however, one story which has never gone further than the lounging rooms of the Press Club and Newspaper Row. While Judge Sewell had the divorce case under consideration, a rumor went around the newspaper offices to the effect that the two were about to be reconciled and every newspaper had its men surrounding the hotel where Mrs. Hanbury was staying, alt-

waiting for the joyful moment. For three nights they waited and waited in vain. On the fourth, while the boys were yawning the time away, a young reporter gave a gasp of astonishment. "For the love of heaven," said he, "just take a look at that." He pointed to a window, the blinds of which were not drawn, and the newspapermen, looking, saw David Hanbury walking towards Mrs. Hanbury with two outstretched, pleading arms. For a second she hesitated, while the audience gaped in anticipation. Then she walked toward him and, putting her arms around him, sealed the reconciliation with a kiss. Three minutes later a band of newspaper men were tapping at the door of her apartments, demanding the details, and Hanbury expressed the greatest surprise at the enterprise of the American journalist.—The Wasp.

UNIMPORTANCE OF SINCLAIR'S OPINION.

Upton Sinclair says he is sorry he is married. Well, what of it? Who cares? The domestic infelicities of Upton Sinclair are neither interesting nor edifying. But when Upton Sinclair attacks marriage as an institution and declares that women are merely the chattel slaves of men, and that these women are living merely for their board and lodgings and clothes, the rest of us who are not sorry we are married sit up and take notice of what Upton Sinclair is saying. But, after all, what's the use? It's only the difference between Upton Sinclair at large and Upton Sinclair in a padded cell. If Upton Sinclair had gibbered his opinion within the pale of Stockton or Napa, or Agnews, we should not give it a second thought; but it happens that Upton Sinclair uttered his opinion in a cafe, over his celery salad or his shredded ham biscuit, and gave it out for publication in a newspaper of general circulation. It is not the utterance that forces our attention; it is the publication. What Upton Sinclair says doesn't matter the worth of a plugged bawbee; its value is dependent wholly on the prominence that some newspaper gives to his saying. Let the gods be praised that there is only one Upton Sinclair, and that when he is no more the tribe will be utterly extinct.—Town Talk.

RIGHT KIND OF TELEPHONE.

Now we have a telephone over which no lie can pass. So when a wife telephones her husband at the office for data respecting his pursuits for the day, and if he has pursued anybody, he will have to give her the proper data. I am afraid, even if the telephone works, its field of operation will be somewhat circumscribed. Who wants a truth-telling machine connecting the scene of foreign relaxation with the arena of domestic explanation? Think of the check of a man who would try to station such a chronicler in a down-town office. Not that all men are liars, but that most men like to have a lie handy in case it is imperative to use it. Ananias had his faults, but most people emulate his chief fault at times.—News Letter.

ADVICE TOO LATE.

"I want to deny the report that I am to marry Lieutenant-Commander MacAuley of the navy," said Mrs. Frances Duhigg, one of last week's divorcees, and who said her husband was James T. Duhigg of the torpedo boat Hull, now in Pacific Coast waters. It was very kind of Mrs. Duhigg to deny the report, but as no one here had heard of it, the dental was a trifle unnecessary. "Girls should not wed into the navy," she continued. Perhaps; but the advice ought to have been given before the fleet came here. Mrs. Duhigg secured a divorce on the ground of desertion. She is of a Southern family, and is known in society in Baltimore and Washington.—The Wasp.

A CUT-UP DINNER.

Of the many handsome dinners which preceded the last Assembly, that given by Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Welch in the gray room of the Fairmont continues to be the most discussed. Some novel and startling features were introduced which served to break up the least hint of formality, and render it a most enjoyable affair. Mrs. Welch is a clever woman, and it is to her that the credit is due. She has a genius for introducing individual touches, so that her affairs are not only totally unlike each other, but just as different from those of every one else. The entertainment of Friday night proved to be an Indian dinner. The decorations took the form of Indian baskets, ferns and pussy willows, and the color scheme was carried out to the minutest particular, even the candles appearing in account of the affair is more than

the forms and sizes of Indian beads. The dinner partners were apportioned by matching the headwear fobs and bracelets which were presented to each guest on entering the dressing-room, and the place cards were of leather ornamented in Indian head-work. Mrs. Welch has the rare faculty of bringing together people who are congenial to each other and placing them to the best advantage. During the course of the dinner an alarm clock went off under the chair of one guest, and ere long a fire alarm was heard from another quarter, so it is needless to hint that the last vestige of formality was eliminated.—Town Talk.

A JOURNALIST HONORED

The dinner given to T. T. Williams by the Hearst newspapers at the Fairmont Hotel on Tuesday evening by his friends was a highly gratifying compliment to that veteran journalist, who has returned to San Francisco to look after some business for his chief, Mr. Williams was for years the business manager of the Examiner, and was the first one who made it pay. Though previously losing money, the Examiner returned a profit of \$100,000 in Mr. Williams' first year of supervision.

The company invited to meet Mr. Williams at dinner at the Fairmont included many of the most prominent men in the community. Mr. Williams' old friend, James H. O'Brien of political fame, officiated as toastmaster, and acquitted himself in his usual brilliant manner. George A. Knight delivered the speech of welcome in most admirable style, Mr. Williams responding eloquently. Warm tributes to the high character and ability of Mr. Williams were paid by Chief Justice Bentley of the Supreme Court, Judge Melville Enshaw, Judge Van Fleet, Judge Angelotti, Judge Kerrigan, Judge Graham, Judge Lennon, Garrett W. McEnaney, Samuel M. Shortridge, and John J. Barrett. The other guests, many of whom contributed to the flow of eloquence and wit, were W. E. Dunn, Postmaster Arthur Flisk, T. F. Bonnet, Louis Rosenthal, Charles J. Heggerty, Colonel J. C. Kirkpatrick Harry Cresswell, John S. Drum, W. B. Dargie, L. M. Hoefler, Louis O'Neal, W. T. Peter, E. H. Hamilton, Joseph H. O'Donnell, James P. Sweeney, L. P. Walsh, L. Wertheimer, W. C. Ralston, R. M. Horning, Dr. McGittigan, Alfred Meyerstein, W. F. Humphrey, S. N. Rucker, F. S. Knight, J. T. Gilman, Fred Lloyd, J. R. Kocher, Livingston Jenkins, S. V. Costello, Louis Sloss, Martley F. Pearl, Carlton Wall, L. I. Young, W. W. Nuttall, Harry Coghill, Alden Anderson, J. D. Mackenzie, T. J. McCann, P. C. Hale, Joseph Baker, Thomas E. Flynn, P. B. Belton, Milton Estberg, Louis Moore, John W. Mitchell, Sidney Elsherman, and William Sisson.

Colonel Kirkpatrick's culinary artists outdid all previous efforts, and the dinner of many courses was, needless to say, as incomparable as the wines and the service were perfect. In fact, such well-appointed and thoroughly enjoyable public dinner has seldom been served even in San Francisco, notable as it is for hospitality of a high order.—The Wasp.

NEARLY SOCIETY CHAPS.

Mr. Greenway found that the nearly-society chaps whom he had endeavored to penel out had worked their passage after all. They had insured the girls against the risk of practicing a happy smile while doing the wall flower act. After the first Assembly, Mr. Greenway had to impress into his club every eligible who had ever wriggled a bit too far at a smart dance, and thus relieve the man famine. So the girls can now give the finishing touches to their radiant complexions without wondering whether they will have to blush unseen. But, of course, there are a number of chaps who cannot look pleasant when the Assembly is mentioned.—News Letter.

POND IN YOKOHAMA.

Late news from Yokohama is to the effect that Edward Pond is to business out there. His partner is Augustus Moulder, the divorced husband of Little Clark, who subsequently married Leslie Wright, and is reported to have divorced him also. Mayor Pond is said to have made an allowance of several hundred dollars a month to his son's wife for her support and that of their two young sons.—Town Talk.

PIE CONTESTS AND THE BOYS.

In the last pie eating contest one boy gorged ten pies, with the health officer's boy a close second. Fine health officer that! Why should children be allowed to risk their health and lives emulating pigs? The very

nauseating. This, I opine, will be cited as an evidence of American novelty and enterprise. It is wonderful the degradation people will resort to place a bet. The "champion" is resting on his laurels and celebrated as the bi-pedal hog of America. I have heard of watermelon eating contests among negroes, and that was bad enough. But here we have respectable children lured into stuffing themselves to bursting point that grown people may have a chance to bet on the result. I saw by the papers some time since that there was a talking match between two women who had been shut up in a room. An end of a week, hearing nothing, the manager opened the door to find one woman dead and the other whispering in her ear.—News Letter.

ROBBED. BUT HE MADE A SERIOUS MIS

robbed. But he made a serious mistake by wearing a pair of stolen shoes as he was leaving, and this led to his undoing. The fact that nearly every criminal overlooks some important detail tends to the theory that crime is an evidence of a poorly-balanced mind.—News Letter.

DID IT ON A WAGER.

The dance given on Saturday evening by the Gamma chapter of Alpha Sigma was a brilliant success. This sorority is composed of the most exclusive young girls in the city who are attending the Girls' High School. The costumes were elaborate and the supper dainty. Dancing was continued until midnight. During the progress of the ball Miss Elsa Draper walked in attired in a very handsome light blue robe surmounted by a huge black hat covered with ostrich plumes. She took her seat by the chaperones, but when the first notes of a waltz began, Miss Draper and her escort joined the dancers. One of the ladies quietly requested her to remove her hat, which she did without demur, offering apologetically "I know, of course, it is not the thing to do, and that it is never allowed at the Greenway dances, but I did this on a wager."—Town Talk.

RECONCILIATION RUMORS.

I hear from an authoritative source that the rumors of a reconciliation between Naval Constructor Holden A. Evans and Mrs. Mayde Evans, recently divorced, are without any stable foundation. Some enterprising newspaperman, it seems, saw them dining together in a very friendly fashion in a down-town cafe and, naturally, came to the conclusion that they were patching up their disagreements. Since then they have been seen together a good many times, but these meetings, I hear, have been for the sole purpose of arranging the financial details of the separation. In doing so there is no reason why they should not go about the business in a friendly way. They are face to face with an ugly proposition, and there is no need for them to make it worse by refusing to accept it in a calm, sensible way. There is a general hope, however, that the common sense they have displayed in settling the details of the divorce will lead them to see the foolish mistake they are making in separating. Both are evidently fond of each other, and it would be to the benefit of their children—if not to their own—if the hasty kiss and the hasty divorce could be relegated to the dump heap of the past.—The Wasp.

EASY DIVORCES.

Mrs. Helen Root, a society woman of Salt Lake City, Utah, arrived in San Francisco last week to learn for the first time that she had been divorced. The incident goes to prove the extreme laxity of our divorce laws, and calls to my mind an episode of a similar sort which came under my own notice in New York while engaged on a newspaper. A "beau-tiful blonde creature," who appeared in court, claimed to have been deserted, and five minutes later departed a single woman. A month later I was rushed down to a fashionable apartment house, where a gorgeous free-for-all fight had been in progress. On investigation I found that an hate man had banged another with the remains of a Pro Elbertus chair, and the blonde plaintiff of a month ago was screaming blue murder. When peace was resumed, and everybody was explaining, it turned out that the man who did the banging was the former husband. His business had taken him away for a long trip, and during his absence his "dearest" had secured a quiet divorce. He, ignorant of the fact, returned to find his old home empty, and on tracing down his wife arrived at her apartments in time to see her entertaining a caller—an entirely innocent personage. Hubby, being of a jealous disposition, did not wait for explanations, but began to pretend he was a crook, and succeeded so well that the caller had to be carried away in an ambulance. Mine was the unique honor of explaining to the husband that he was no longer a married man.—The Wasp.

ARE WOMEN LOSING INFLUENCE?

The latest query for the public is, "Are women losing their influence?" What a question! Woman is one of the essentials and is as useful now as she has ever been. She is losing a good deal of her foolishness, and the modern woman is as superior to her grandmother as the present man is to his grandfather. Woman has heretofore been something to admire, and now she complains of having been snubbed. Her complaints have furnished only good-natured laughter. Her past influence can be attributed to the cunning of the coquettish or the finesse of the diplomat. In the future, she is going to influence by encroachment when she can and to pardonable duplicity when she can't. She is on the eve of attaining what she has been struggling for. May she use it wisely, for she has won the battle single-handed. Yet, our wives and mothers are going to enjoy the rights long accorded to negroes and vagabonds. Let us rejoice and see how she will influence her former masters.—News Letter.

BURLINGAME SCANDAL.

A thrilling scandal, in which a beautiful young divorcee and the wealthy husband of a status quo-loving matron are said to figure is gripping the San Mateo-Burlingame-San Francisco smart set something to gossip about. The young millionaire's penchant for the society of the handsome young grass widow has been apparent for some time, and it is now said that he is trying to force his long-suffering wife into suing him for divorce. The lady recently packed herself and her children East, and the gossips are waiting expectantly the next news from an Eastern city.—The Wasp.

THIEF USED NEW METHOD.

The height of nerve is reported to me from a northern county. A youthful sneak thief entered a residence the "before" Upon the owner's arrival and discovery of the loss, the thief, fearing detection, offered, for a reward, to find the missing goods. This he did, got his reward, then asked and received permission to sup-

er and spend the night with the man he

had broken into. The man, however, had an unpleasant experience in Europe recently. A distinguished German entered the same compartment of the train and, noting the extremely snug fit of the thief's trousers, they began to comment on each other, using French as the medium of their remarks. Amongst other Witticisms, they professed a great curiosity as to how he damned the garments, and, as he was leaving the train, so politely presented a card, on which he had written his perfect willingness to gratify them if they would honor him with a visit.—Town Talk.

EXPENSIVE BRIDGE PRIZES.

Among the many gay social affairs planned for the near future is the bridge party for which Mr. Joseph Anderson Chansor has sent out invitations for next week. Mr. Chansor, who is the attractive young wife of the rich magnate, has set the high-water mark for expensive prizes in San Francisco recently, and the guests bid high for the cutting function wonder if there will be a repetition of the gaudy prizes given at her previous function, when antique Chinese mandarin coats, electric lamps, gold jewel baskets and exquisite water colors were given to the fortunate contestants. Then he stepped out, clad in his shirt sleeves and shivering with cold. It took him some moments to thaw out.—News Letter.

MOURNING OVER A FOOL DOG.

A "CAT" AND A "ROTTER."

In testifying of her husband's alleged cruelty, Mrs. Charles E. Paxton, who secured a divorce last week, declared he had thrown a check toward her, saying: "Take that and buy the Fairmont Hotel." Such a procedure was enough to break the heart of any woman. Is noble woman to be influenced by money? What is base coin to her? She scorns it. It is nothing. And no sooner does she lay her hands on her husband's monthly income than she proceeds to give it away to deserving dressmakers, starving theatrical companies, and well-meaning vendors of candles. Mrs. Paxton's other complaints, to the effect that Charles was guilty of the grossest nature-faking, having called her a "cat" and a "rotter"—the latter animal being of a species peculiar to the wilds around Albermarle street, London W.—were undoubtedly considered by the court. She is allowed an alimony of \$150 a month, which will be increased to \$200 at the end of six months.—The Wasp.

MRS. POTTER'S LATEST THRILL.

Nothing new has developed in the McNeil-Potter divorce since it, and society still looking for the man whom McNeil persists in crediting the fascinating Mrs. Marie McNeil Potter with having chosen to sue Ashton Potter when the law she has freed her from him. Mrs. Potter refuses to discuss the matter, and meanwhile continues to introduce the latest New York fashions to the vast admiration of society. Her latest fad is to cover her bridge tables with the most exquisite brocades, and "no-trumps" played on pastel-tinted silks and silk brocade gain a thrill to be obtained in no other way.—The Wasp.

WHEN LEADER MEETS LEADER.

Notwithstanding all the talk there has been of rivalry between Ned Greenway and Mrs. Alexander, they are still the best of friends. Mr. Greenway is always a guest at the Colonial dances and Mrs. Alexander always contributes to the color and grace of the Assembly. The two distinguished leaders met last Friday night at the Fairmont and Mrs. Alexander took occasion to express a matter of curiosity. "I wonder," she said, "when the newspaper will leave you and me alone!"

"Perhaps when you quit writing for them," said the Czar, at the beamed on Mrs. Alexander with his blanched smile.—Town Talk.

A "MAN'S WOMAN."

Mrs. Mabel Atherton, who has been named as a co-respondent in the divorce suit brought in Edinburgh, Scotland, by Clara Elizabeth Sterling against her Scotch husband, the Laird of Ruppendale, is one of those peculiar characters who go through life famed as a "man's woman." As the wife of Captain Atherton of the British army, she became the leader of the military set in London. No subversive England's metropolis was considered fully fledged until she had bowed down and won up at her feet, and no general properly matured until he had passed through a similar stage. It was all very nice and pleasant, but the inevitable occurred. The proceedings of various shady kinds crept in to disrupt the peaceful tony of the London home. In the latest scandal Mrs. Atherton has the unique distinction of having Lord Northland as a fellow co-respondent.

The Crown Princess Pomare of Tahiti has been the guest of the Fairmont for some time. The Princess, accompanied by her aunt, Mrs. Montague Atwater, is visiting here, en route from England to the Samoan Islands. She is a highly cultured and delightful young woman, an excellent linguist, with an education broadened by much travel among intelligent people, encountered in her travels all over the world. The Princess has been the object of a great deal of social attention during her stay here.—News Letter.

his notable personage having been named by the Scottish laird. Clara Elizabeth Sterling, the laird's wife, was formerly a Miss Taylor